THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) There is no such proposal with the Central Government.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Special Focus Districts

1373. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified Special Focus Districts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria for selecting districts under this scheme; and

(d) the details of benefits/assistance provided under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry has identified 105 Special Focus Districts in the country as given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) These Special Focus Districts are identified by combining the lists of districts following two criterion:-

(i) All Districts where Polytechnics are proposed to be set up under the National Common Minimum Programme,

(ii) Districts common in the lists of Planning Commission (identified for implementation of Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana) and Ministry of Rural Development (identified under National Food for Work Programme) and districts appearing either in the list of Ministry of SJ&E (Minority Concentration districts and districts with SC female literacy less than 10%) or in the list of Ministry of Tribal Affairs (ITDP areas, Schedule V & Schedule VI areas).

(d) Government accords priority to these districts in implementation of Schemes/Programmes for educational development. Out of 105 Special Focus Districts, 87 and 80 Districts respectively have been covered under the Schemes of Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas.

Statement

Special Focus Districts

Sl. No.	Districts	Sl. No.	Districts	Sl. No.	Districts
Andhra Pradesh		**Gujarat**		**Manipur**	
1.	Adilabad	1.	Dangs	1.	Tamenlong
2.	Khammam	2.	Panchmahals		
3.	Mahbubnagar			**Meghalaya**	
4.	Warrangal	**Himachal Pradesh**		1.	East Garo Hills
		1.	Chamba		
Assam		2.	Kinnaur	**Orissa**	
1.	Barpeta	3.	Lahaul & Spiti	1.	Balasore
2.	Darrang	**Jharkhand**		2.	Boudh
3.	Dhemaji	1.	Deoghar	3.	Gajapati
4.	Dhubri	2.	Garhwa	4.	Ganjam
5.	Goalpara	3.	Giridih	5.	Kalahandi
6.	Karbi Anglong	4.	Godda	6.	Kandhamal
7.	Kokrajhar	5.	Gumla	7.	Keonjhar
8.	Lakhimpur	6.	Jamtara	8.	Koraput
9.	Morigaon	7.	Latehar	9.	Mayurbhanj
10.	Nalbari	8.	Lohardagga	10.	Nawarangpur
11.	North Cachar Hills	9.	Palamau	11.	Sambalpur
12.	Sibsagar	10.	Sahebganj	12.	Sundergarh
13.	Sonitpur	11.	Saraikela		
14.	Tinsukhia	12.	Simdega	**Rajasthan**	
		13.	West Singhbhum	1.	Banswara
Bihar				2.	Dungarpur
1.	Araria	**Karnataka**		3.	Jaiselmer
2.	Darbhanga	1.	Bidar	4.	Sikar
3.	Katihar				
4.	Madhepura	**Kerala**		**Sikkim**	
5.	Madhubani	1.	Waynad	1.	North Sikkim
6.	Muzaffarpur			2.	South Sikkim
7.	Paschim Champaran	**Madhya Pradesh**		3.	West Sikkim
8.	Purba Champaran	1.	Balaghat		
9.	Purnea	2.	Barwani	**Tamil Nadu**	
10.	Sheohar	3.	Dewas	1.	Cuddalore
11.	Sitamarhi	4.	Dindori	2.	Tiruvannamalai
12.	Supaul	5.	Mandla		
		6.	Shahdol	**Tripura**	
Chhattisgarh		7.	Sheopur	1.	Dhalai
1.	Bastar	8.	Sidhi	2.	North Tripura
2.	Bilaspur	9.	Umaria	3.	South Tripura
3.	Dantewara	10.	West Nimer (Khargone)		
4.	Jashpur			**Uttar Pradesh**	
5.	Kanker	**Maharashtra**		1.	Barabanki
6.	Koriya	1.	Ahmednagar	2.	Sitapur
7.	Rajnandgaon	2.	Chandrapur	**West Bengal**	
8.	Sarguja	3.	Dhule	1.	Bankura
		4.	Gadchiroli	2.	North 24 Pargana
		5.	Nanded	3.	Purulia
				4.	West Midnapur